

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Lake Michigan (nearshore) Watershed (Cook and Lake Counties)

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) Bureau of Water
will hold two public meetings on

Wednesday, May 27, 2015 (2:30 pm)

***Waukegan Public Library
Bradbury Room
128 North County Street
Waukegan, Illinois***

AND

Thursday, May 28, 2015 (10:00 am)

***U.S. EPA Region 5 Office
77 West Jackson Blvd.
Chicago, Illinois***

The material covered in both of these meetings will be identical. The purpose of these meetings is to provide an opportunity for the public to receive information and comment on the draft Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) concerning impairments to 51 beach or shoreline segments, four harbors and one Lake Michigan nearshore open water segment within the watershed. The causes of impairment for these segments of the watershed are mercury and polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs).

A Scoping Report has been completed and will be presented at the public meetings. The Scoping Report describes the study area and impaired nearshore Lake Michigan waters, describes the specification of a TMDL target, and discusses and recommends an approach for defining the relationship between the pollutant load and

concentration. Subsequent work will include modeling to define the pollutant load that will result in attainment of the TMDL targets for mercury and PCBs.

The IEPA implements the TMDL program in accordance with Section 303(d) of the federal Clean Water Act. A TMDL is the sum of the allowable amounts of a single pollutant (phosphorus, metals, etc.) that a waterbody can receive from all contributing sources and still meet water quality standards or designated uses.

Stakeholders and participants will also be asked to provide comments on the Scoping Report. An additional public meeting will be held in the future to obtain input on the draft TMDLs for mercury and PCBs.

The Scoping Report for the Illinois nearshore Lake Michigan Mercury and PCB TMDLs will be available on-line at www.epa.state.il.us/public-notice. A hard copy of the draft report will be available for viewing at the Waukegan Public Library during business hours. Questions about the TMDL should be directed to the project manager, Collin Stedman by phone at 217-782-3362 or email Collin.Stedman@illinois.gov or contact Abel Haile (see contact information below).

Closure of the Meeting Record

The meeting record will close as of midnight, June 25, 2015. Written comments need not be notarized but must be postmarked before midnight and mailed to:

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